



PERFORMANCE ART EVENT / MARK HARVEY

Wrap Me Up, Make Me Happy (The Helper's High Remix)

SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2006, 6PM
THE PHYSICS ROOM
FREE

In *Wrap Me Up, Make Me Happy (The Helper's High Remix)* Harvey will attempt to wrap himself up in cardboard in order to turn himself into a Transformer™. Harvey endeavours to reflect on the contexts of making action art through the physical limits of an imposed body (a cardboard exoskeleton), as well as the constructions of social conformity and acceptability. Through Harvey's humorous construction of pleasure and pain *The Helper's High Remix* will also explore the artist's investment in an audience; on the artist's expectations of audience desire; what it might mean to try and conform to the 'dos' and 'don'ts' of current art fashions; and the role of the 'artist's ego'.

The Helper's High Remix extends from a series of performances Harvey has developed over the past two years, which have churned and cheered up audiences, starting with his video *Tony and His Mirror* (2004). Harvey is an Auckland-based performance artist who sits both comfortably and uncomfortably between the genres of visual arts and contemporary dance.